

# AND THERE IS A FRIEND! 1 SAMUEL 23:13-18; PROV. 18:24

PROVERBS 17:17; 18:24; 27:5,6; 10;17 ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12	Jonathan & David	The Lord Jesus – The friend! Plus 2 Samuel 9+
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How does one know you are a friend?

How does one know someone is your friend?

- **Not** by how you feel
- **Not** by what they say
- **But** by what they do

## I. A friend **knows** his friend(s)!

**1 Samuel 23:13** Then David and his men, *which were* about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, **and went whithersoever they could go.** And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbore to go forth.

**1 Samuel 23:14** And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And **Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not** into his hand.

**1 Samuel 23:15** And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: **and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.**

**1 Samuel 23:16** And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.

**John 1:47** Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!**John**

**1:48** Nathanael saith unto him, **Whence knowest thou me?** Jesus answered and said unto him, **Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.****John 1:49** Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.**John 1:50** Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.**John 1:51** And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

### **Friendship means:**

- I know you
- You know me
- I know your needs
- I know your sins
- I know your struggles
- I know your weaknesses
- I know your temptations
- I know your circumstances
- I am **sympathetic / empathetic** to you & your situation

**Romans 12:13** Distributing to the **necessity** of saints; given to hospitality.

**Romans 12:15** **Rejoice** with them that do rejoice, and **weep** with them that weep.

- I want to help &/ to be a help

## II. A friend **takes** the initiative!

**1 Samuel 23:16** And Jonathan Saul's son **arose, and went to David into the wood,** and strengthened his hand in God.

**Romans 5:6** For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.**Romans 5:7** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.**Romans 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners,** Christ died for us.**Romans 5:9** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.**Romans 5:10** For if, **when we were enemies,** we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

## I have learned:

- **Jesus took the initiative!**

**Matthew 11:19** The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

**Luke 7:34** The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!

**Luke 19:10** For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

**1 Timothy 1:15** This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

- **As a Pastor I must take the initiative**
- **To be a friend (a Biblical friend, a friend like Jesus) I must take the initiative**

## **III. A friend encourages his friend!**

**1 Samuel 23:16** And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, **and strengthened his hand in God.** **1 Samuel 23:17** And he said unto him, Fear **not: for** the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; **and** thou shalt be king over Israel, **and** I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth.

**Proverbs 27:5** Open rebuke *is* better than secret love.

**Proverbs 27:6** Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; But the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.

**Proverbs 27:17** Iron sharpeneth iron; So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

### How can I encourage a friend? What would I say?

**2 Corinthians 1:3** Blessed **be** God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; **2 Corinthians 1:4** Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, **that** we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, **by** the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. **2**

**Corinthians 1:5** For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. **2 Corinthians 1:6** And whether we be afflicted, **it is for your consolation and salvation**, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, **it is for your consolation and salvation**.

**Hebrews 3:13** But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

**Hebrews 10:25** Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

## **IV A friend confirms his love &/ commitment!**

**1 Samuel 23:18** And they two made **a covenant** before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

**Matthew 26:28** For this is my blood of **the new testament**, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

**Mark 14:24** And he said unto them, This is my blood of **the new testament**, which is shed for many.

**Luke 22:20** Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup *is* **the new testament** in my blood, which is shed for you.

**1 Corinthians 11:25** After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is **the new testament** in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.

**1 Samuel 15:34** Then Samuel went to Ramah; **and** Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul.

[**1 Samuel 20:42** And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. **And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.**]

**1 Samuel 23:18** And they two made a covenant before the LORD: **and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.**

**1 Samuel 24:22** And David sware unto Saul. **And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.**

**1 Samuel 26:25** Then Saul said to David, Blessed *be* thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great *things*, and also shalt still prevail. **So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.**